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SUBJ: WILDLIFE: GOA TO ALLOW LIMITED

KANGAROO EXPORTS FROM NSW AND SA

REF: CANBERRA 1214.

1. DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS SENT EMBASSY NOTE
DATED MARCH 7 FORMALLY ADVISING USG OF GOA DECISION
TO ALLOW LIMITED EXPORTS OF KANGAROO SKINS TAKEN IN NEW
SOUTH WALES AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA (REFTEL). PETER
FURLONGER, DFA, EARLIER TOLD SCIENCE LIAISON OFFICER
THAT PURPOSE OF NOTE IS NOT ONLY TO INFORM US
OF DECISION OFFICIALLY BUT TO REQUEST USG IDEAS ON HOW TO
CERTIFY COMMERCIAL SHIPMENTS OF SKINS AND PRODUCTS SO THAT THEY
CAN BE LEGALLY IMPORTED INTO U.S.

2. SUBSTANTIVE PORTIONS OF NOTE FOLLOW:

QTE: TWO STATES, NEW SOUTH WALES AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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HAVE INTRODUCED KANGAROO CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT

PROGRAMS ACCEPTABLE TO THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT.
THESE PROGRAMS ARE DESIGNED TO MANAGE KANGAROOS
POPULATIONS SO AS TO ENSURE SURVIVAL OF THE SPECIES
AND THEY PROVIDE FOR THE NECESSARY CULLING OF EXCESS
NUMBERS. THE MAXIMUM ANNUAL CULL AUTHORISED IN
NEW SOUTH WALES AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA IS 205,000 AND 80,000
ANIMALS RESPECTIVELY.

QTE: THE MINISTERS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION
AND FOR CUSTOMS AND EXCISE JOINTLY ANNOUNCED ON 20 FEBRUARY
1975 THAT THE EXPORT PROHIBITION ON KANGAROO SKINS AND
PRODUCTS WOULD BE RELAXED AS FROM 3 MARCH 1975. EXPORTERS
WILL BE REQUIRED TO DEMONSTRATE TO THE SATISFACTION OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE AT THE TIME THEY
APPLY FOR EXPORT PERMITS THAT SKINS AND/OR PRODUCTS WERE
TAKEN LEGALLY IN NEW SOUTH WALES OR SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

QTE: IF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT REQUIRES OFFICIAL
CERTIFICATION FOR EACH COMMERCIAL SHIPMENT OF KANGAROO
SKINS OR PRODUCTS THIS CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE PER MEDIUM OF
A CERTIFIED EXPORT PERMIT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CUSTOMS
AND EXCISE. END QTE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER USG REQUIRES
OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION (PER LAST PARAGRAPH OF NOTE) AND
OTHER DETAILS OF HOW USG WISHES TO ARRANGE FOR DOCUMENTATION
OF LEGAL AUSTRALIAN EXPORTS THAT WILL BE ADMITTED INTO
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